

"For this is the love of God, that we should keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5: 3).



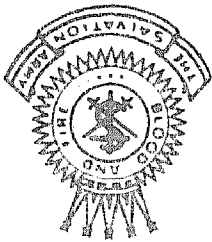
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Need something for your soul? The articles on page 7 may provide the spiritual uplift you require.

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A RING OF TRUTH

THE old box phone rings with pleasant memories of a bygone era. But as fondly as we remember those good, old days, we quickly opt for the benefits of the cellular phone. That unbelievable extension of Alexander Graham Bell's invention puts us in contact with almost anyone, almost anywhere, at almost any time. We agree that nostalgia may be nice, but it does not suffice.

Since the flow of information is the biggest business of the western world we have little choice but choose a modern telephone network that can channel a message from Canada to Congo in less than 60 seconds.

As vital as communication in our global community may be, there is another line of communication that we must always keep open. That's talking with God. Prayer is a fail-proof network.

The prophet Isaiah was aware of the value of communication with the Creator. He also knew how eager God was to answer all calls! "It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are speaking, I will hear" (Isaiah 65: 24).

FOR SINNERS ONLY

"DON'T tell me", he hissed through clenched teeth, "I don't want to hear. It's my right to be deaf to what you're saying, and don't you infringe on that right." He was absolutely correct — and absolutely wrong. Technically, his argument could not be faulted; relationally, his argument was weak and destructive. After all, why should anyone so adamantly refuse the best news ever, the news that God forgives and forgets sins? To choose to be deaf to such astounding tidings is tragic stupidity indeed. — JEREMIAH

WISELY SAID . . .

"When I do wrong, something tells me it is wrong. I know downright well there is falsehood and there is truth, there is justice and there is injustice, there is ugliness and there is beauty." — Clarence D. Wiseman



— CBC photo

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WHEN people want desperately to be liked or to be known as Mr. Nice Guy, or Ms. Nice Girl, then the first casualty in the struggle for personal recognition is truth, followed quickly by courage. Often the worst offenders (or at least the most public offenders) are the elected representatives, at all the levels of government. They know that if they are liked by enough people they will be elected to positions of power. In the process of getting elected many politicians are willing to bend the truth or even to invent new words that will enable them to ignore truth that is starting them in the face. Most people agree that pornography is wrong, and that its deadly fascination is ruining countless lives, but when did you last hear the politicians who have the responsibility for framing and enacting legislation admit in plain language what this vice is doing to people? Where is the courage to tell the truth and to act upon that truth?

Many ordinary people, as well as those involved in the criminal justice system, agree that the law with respect to young offenders is seriously flawed. The law neither helps the young offender nor does it adequately protect the public. In many cases the state's rehabilitative processes, which are motivated by a genuine desire to help disturbed young people, are not allowed opportunity to assist those who need it most. Politicians know this, yet countless hours of highly priced legal wrangling have not brought about an improvement in this piece of pernicious legislation. Is there no one among the elected representatives who will admit to the truth of this sorry situation and courageously do something about it?

Who will speak plainly about the vast and unmonitored waste of money, that has been collected from the public through taxes, on projects that do nothing but line the pockets of those who are clever enough to say the right words to the right people? Why do deserving, honest and helpful causes often go away empty handed while fringe groups that do nothing to build society up receive the handouts they demand? Does no one in authority see the truth of the situation, and does no one have the courage to put things right? Must it always be "Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne"?

Lest one think we are despairing, be assured that this is not the case. We know there are Christian believers on Parliament Hill and in the provincial governments, yet we also know that governments which appear to govern by polls will often listen to the loudest protests and duck the unpopular decision, thus stifling the sensible voices in their own caucuses which have the courage to speak for the people. Truth and courage are they so old-fashioned or reactionary that they can be ignored with impunity or without consequence? Of course the answer is that they cannot. Every untruth and each cowardly act diminishes the quality of life for all. Is it any wonder that our society is reaping the whirlwind?

How wonderful it is to know that God is merciful and forgiving, and that obedience to Him is the way to new beginnings — for the electors as well as for the elected!

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet"

COMMENTARY

THE FIRST CASUALTY



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To learn the stories of old excitement
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small.
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The long ago days of our childhood
Now let me just stop and recall
What can we say about Jennie?
Jennie Logan has been a familiar figure in the Fredrickson Corps as long as most folks can remember. Her friendly greeting is a standard feature that members of the corps have grown to love.
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What can we say about Jennie?
Words cannot express our hearts —
We love and respect you dear Jennie,
Spiritual mother, right from the start.
Margaret Anne (Hodgson) Stafford

Of giants, stones, men of big bones —
Tales of the faithful retold.
Who could forget stories of fishers,
Spending the night in despair
Then to find Jesus at morning
To learn that He really did care?
What can we say about Jennie?
Her classroom where lessons were
said,
Where chairs were just right for the
wee ones
And loving hands counted each head.
A favorite memory of Jennie,
Of flannelgraph stories, and songs
Is held by each child who has been
there
Who knows that they do "belong."



Jennie Logan
Fredrickson
M.B.



THE DOOR OF PRAYER

... when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father . . . (Matthew 6: 6).

THE door of prayer is one of the greatest blessings available to us. At all times, in any place, during any crisis, this door of prayer is open to us. In our text we are exhorted to go into our room and close the door. This is indicative of separating for a time from those things beyond, into a place where we must walk singly. The closed door closes us in with God, and closes out the world. The solitude into which we enter is full of God, so that for those precious moments when we are most alone, we are least alone. As we pray we voice our petitions to our heavenly Father. We enter without fear into the peaceful presence of God. In the strain and stress of our modern life we need, as never before, times and places where we can speak with God, a power centre from which we can send out helpful influence to "earth's remotest bounds."

Prayer: Lord, may I know Your peace today as I face the pressures of my world. May I remember that You are with me. Let my thoughts turn often to You, that I may find a quiet place in the midst of the turmoil. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

(Devotions by Mrs. Aux.-Captain Elizabeth Herman-Venables, Fenslon Falls, Ont.)

THE INNER LIFE

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GOOD ADVICE

Your questions answered by The Salvation Army's pastoral care staff

Send questions to 'Good Advice,' The War Cry, 455 North Service Rd. East, Oakville, Ont. L6H 1A5

I'm not a very outgoing person and I don't know what to say to people. When I attend church I just hang around for a few minutes and then leave, feeling that I'm a failure. How can I get to know people?

Perhaps first of all, you ought to have a private chat with your corps officer or minister. I'm not aware of your specific circumstances, but he or she might be able to give you some helpful suggestions. I do know that at the end of any such meeting most people are rushing to get coats and home to dinner, as well as trying to touch base with people about many things before leaving. Some folk get overlooked, and you may be one of them.

It is important that we not only try to be friendly, but that we look friendly! Sometimes we don't look like we're interested in people, giving them a warm greeting and a friendly smile, this lets them know that we are glad to see them. You don't have to be outgoing to do an act of kindness. It might be helping an elderly person with his coat and chatting about the weather. Why not say a few words to someone who has been sick, assuring them you are glad they are back. What I am suggesting is that you take the initiative, and not stand back waiting for the world to come to you.

It is important that you take time to Canadians at worship, will feature a meeting from The Salvation Army's Caroboo Hill Temple in Vancouver, on May 14. This meeting, which will have been videotaped the week prior to the telecast, will mark Pentecost Sunday. Be sure to check your local listings, for the exact time, and then beg or

VIEWPOINT



Lieut.-Colonel
Joyce Ellery
Secretary for Program

rob God?" Surely we love and respect God more than strangers, neighbors or family.

I was in a confronting conversation with a young lad in trouble, and he defended his minor theft by stating, "My mother steals." Before I could challenge his accusation he added, "She does, she stole my childhood!" As I allowed him momentarily to understand, Parental disagreements ending in divorce had made adequate material provision for the family, but the son verbalized his feelings of having been robbed of something that could not be replaced by cash settlements. Though vainly attempting to justify his wrong behavior, he made a good point.

A brief conversation with a man in the Baton Centre in Toronto revealed how he and his wife felt robbed of the joy of parenting because of rejection by an emotionally troubled and rebellious child. Through insights such as these, Malachi's question has become more inclusive and my response to the Eighth Commandment more personal: "Would I rob God?"

Moses spelled out very clearly what belongs to

Do not steal. The eighth of the Ten Commandments is clear. There is no room for compromise, no need for interpretation. DO NOT STEAL. Yet, the media report thefts of thousands of dollars daily. Shoplifting is so common the cost to the store is built in to the price of the goods. Break-ins have become routine police reports. Older people are frequently swindled of their life's savings. And now the news is full of reports of high tech theft — in minutes, at computer keyboards, people are stealing millions.

The majority of us would never think of stealing from friends, family, neighbors or strangers. The Eighth Commandment seems to apply only to "others," certainly not to Christians.

Then the haunting words of the Old Testament prophet Malachi flash across the mind. "Will a man

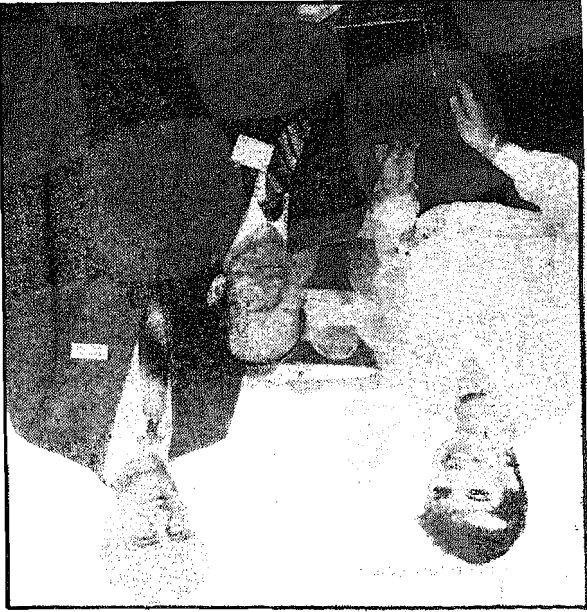
WHY NOT HAVE YOUR SAY?

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CBC to telecast Army meeting

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Christian writer receives award which bears his name



Sixty-year-old Rev. Leslie Tarr is one of the best known Christian writers in Canada, whose byline appears in *The Toronto Star*, *Faith Today*, *Christianity Today*, and a number of other publications.

Rev. Tarr, a baptist minister since 1958, was honored during a Christian writers' conference which was sponsored by *Faith Today* and the Ontario Bible College and held in Toronto. He was the first recipient of an annual award which has been named in his honor.

The Leslie K. Tarr Award will be given "in recognition of outstanding contribution to the field of Christian writing."

This genial and hardworking Christian writer has been confined to a wheelchair with tubercular meningitis for a number of years, but this does not prevent him from using his mind for the Lord. *War Cry* salutes this influential and brave Christian writer, and his wife Catherine, who continue to contribute so much to Christian journalism in this country. Photo shows (l to r): Audrey Dorsch, Managing Editor of *Faith Today*, Rev. Leslie Tarr, Dr. John Unger, organizer of the Christian writers' conference

SERIAL STORY

FIRST PERSON STORY

WHY DO I FEEL THIS WAY?

Part 4

my meeting the therapist at the hospital was an accident or a chance meeting. One of the most important factors in my recovery was the love and concern shown by friends and acquaintances. The people from my church never failed to ask me how I was, or to tell me that they were praying for me. People I did not know phoned to inquire about my situation.

Agoraphobics look no different than anyone else. Most of us have said at one time or another, during our therapy sessions, it would be better to have had cancer, or a heart problem. People can identify with these illnesses. How can they understand if you tell them you are too scared to leave your house? Why did I go through this experience? I don't have the answer, I will be able to help another agoraphobic. I have been there.

Conclusion

Next week we commence a short series of papers which were delivered by some of the Army's leaders at the international conference, held last year in the U.S.A.

RIGHT at that precise moment in time, we received word that we were to move — again. This meant the psychiatrist had brought all of this information to the surface, and I was to be left up in the air. It was like hanging your washing on the line and never bringing it into the house.

On the morning of our departure we said goodbye to our two sons and both our parents. When we arrived at our new community the old feelings became so overwhelming that a doctor's appointment was made almost immediately. The verdict was the same: "It's your age." However there was a slight twist this time. During the initial examination he noticed a slight heart problem. I was sent for an ultrasound that showed mitral valve prolapse.

As the days passed, panic attacks came in new places. More panic, panic. Now at the hairdresser and the dentist's office. Where is my safe place? Is there a place where I can hide? It was not possible for my husband to be at home with me and this brought about new panic. Many times I pleaded with him not to

leave me alone, either during the day or night. If he did, I thought I would be dead when he arrived home. Sometimes I would feel secure knowing that he had a pager and was only a phone call away, but eventually this passed and the panic only increased in intensity. Fear added to fear, and panic to panic.

Agoraphobia is defined by the latest *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* as "a marked fear of being alone or being in public places from which escape might be difficult or help not available in case of sudden incapacitation." Statistics show that in 160 people suffer from it. More than two-thirds of these sufferers are women.

TORONTO, Ont. — A service of thanksgiving was celebrated following the promotion to



Glory of Brigadier Stanley McKinley (R) conducted by Edwin Brown, assisted by Major Reuben James. Born in Caledon East, Ontario, in 1897, Stanley grew up in a Christian

MANY readers of *The War Cry* are inspired and challenged as they read the promoted to Glory tributes to the Salvationists who have "fought the good fight" and who are now with the Lord. Those who write such well-appreciated reports are advised to remember the following: Give details regarding conversion to Christ, positions held in the corps, successes in soul-winning, lives influenced, outstanding characteristics. The report should emphasize incidents in the life of the departed one which will encourage and strengthen the faith of readers of *The War Cry*. Reports of funeral messages should be omitted. Photographs should be clear and, if possible, head and shoulders only.

An encourager



DOVER, N.H. — A faithful soldier of the Dover Corps, retired Home League secretary, Mrs. Mabel Mercer has been promoted to Glory. Mrs. Mercer gave her life to the Lord as a young woman and was sworn-in as a soldier of the Dover Corps on January 1, 1931. She served in the capacities of Home League treasurer and secretary. Although, not a trained professional, she served as a community nurse for many years and always extended a helping hand to the needy. Her Christian example and words of encouragement influenced many — both young and old. The funeral service was conducted by the corps officers, Lieutenant and Mrs. Frank Pittman, assisted by former corps officers, Captain and Mrs. Donald Maye, and Captain and Mrs. Charles Granter. Predeceased by her husband, William and daughter, Gertie, she leaves to mourn, sons, Clifford and Jim and their families.

PROMOTION TO GLORY

He gave himself to others, for Christ's sake

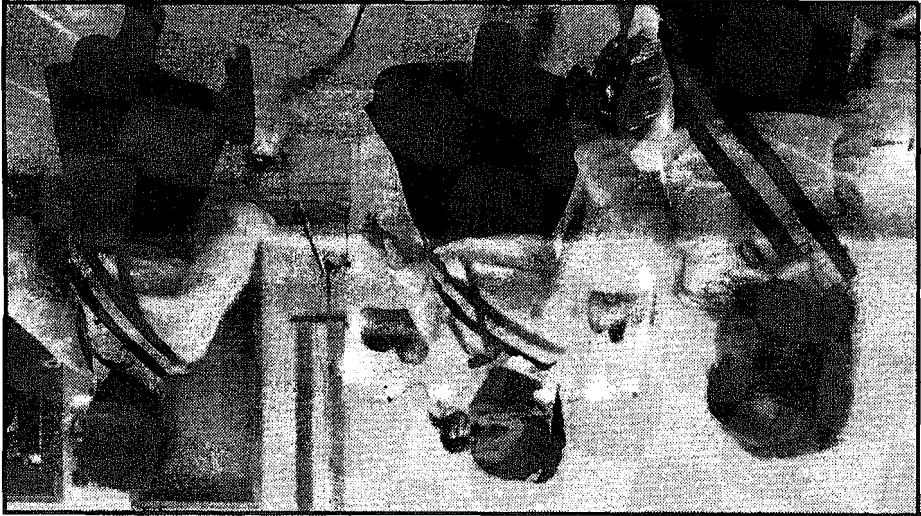
family and recalled the importance of this influence. "I believe it was my mother's words to me in my childhood that planted in my heart the seed that was to ripen into conversion. She said, 'I hope, Stanley, that you will some day be a preacher of the gospel!'"

It was not until young Stanley McKinley returned from the First World War that he surrendered to Christ in revival meetings. Settling in Biggar, Sask., he came in touch with the voice of God spoke to the young convert, and he entered the Winnipeg Training Garrison in 1923. After a year on training college staff, he was appointed to the Rainy River Corps, Ontario. Stanley married Ensign Ellen Peake on September 10, 1925. They commanded corps in Port Arthur, Winnipeg, North Battleford, Flin Flon, Regina, Melfort, and Drumheller, between 1925 and 1940. From December 1940, until his appointment as supervisor of the Vancouver War Services Hostel in June 1944, Stanley served in the War Services Department on overseas

the Men's Rehabilitation Centre in Vancouver preceded his appointment as superintendent of the Winnipeg Men's Social Institution from 1948-1956. In 1956 he became the Assistant Men's Social Services Secretary, and undertook his final appointment as Welfare Services Secretary in February of 1959 and retired three years later. Brigadier McKinley was known across the country for his strong influence for good, his fine sense of humor, and pleasant co-operative nature, but most of all for his ability to give of himself in love to others. The love for people which had characterized his service became apparent at the East Toronto Corps, where he took a special interest in greeting, welcoming and encouraging people. His loving influence will be missed by his children, Nettie McBride, Fort Frances; John McKinley, Winnipeg; and Miriam (Mrs. Major William Merritt), Vancouver. Mrs. McKinley has since been promoted to Glory.

service. A subsequent appointment at

First French carol festival held at St-Jérôme, Quebec



VISION and hard work brought encouraging results for the first French carol festival held at St-Jérôme, Québec. The vision for this event was to move away from the traditional bilingual service and location. The goal was to celebrate the Christmas message through music and to reach out to those in the community with the gospel message.

The hard work for the event was noted as officers and comrades from five different corps prepared and presented vocal items, recitations, and musical items on the Christmas theme. The newly formed St-Jérôme timbrel group took centre stage with their presentation as did the instrumental duo of two new band members of *Mission Francophone de Rosemont*. The evening concluded with the narration and dramatization of the Christmas story. Under the leadership of Envoy and Mrs. René Frigon and with the careful use of music, lighting, and "heavenly smoke" the audience was captivated by this creative presentation of the Nativity.

There were 125 people in attendance, many of whom came from the surrounding community. We rejoice that The Salvation Army is making its presence known in St-Jérôme as a vital and growing corps.

— Captain Byron Jacobs



St. John's Citadel Centennial celebrations

DURING the centennial anniversary celebrations at St. John's Citadel, Nfld., (Major and Mrs. William Reader, Lieutenant and Mrs. Robert MacDonald) the new hall was well filled for the Saturday evening musical program. Under the theme "Musical progressions — past, present, and future," the program began with cameos of several Livingstone Street events. Participants included two octogenarians; Mrs. Sen-Major Sarah Woodland (R) sang and played Arthur Boutcher (R) sang and played his concertina. The timbrel brigade of the mid-1960s and a father-and-son instrumental duo added to the evening of good music and pleasant memories.

As the program progressed from the past to the present, the band was featured, led by Bandmaster Ron Knight, as they played the march, "St. John's Citadel" by the late Dr. Eric Abbott. The present was also emphasized when songs were sung by both the songster brigade and a girls' vocal group, Shekinah, and Bandsman Rodney Drover played a trumpet solo.

Then the Salvationists of the future took their place on the platform.



A father-and-son euphonium duo by Bill (right) and Bob Osmund added to an evening of music and celebration at St. John's Citadel

ABOVE LEFT: The group from Little Burgundy Corps sang a carol in three languages: French, Spanish and Czech. **LEFT:** The South Shore Timbrel Brigade lends its support to the celebration. **BELOW:** Young Esther Westphal gives a Christmas recitation from memory. **ABOVE:** Julie and Christine Gagne of Rosemont contribute to the festival with their musical skills



BIBLICAL PURSUIT

THE Editorial Department is again pleased to link up with the Territorial Education Department in announcing a six-week Bible study course based on the book of Habakkuk. The study material for this course is by Professor Donald E. Burke, of the Salvation Army's Catherine Booth Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Those wishing to enrol in this course should send answers to the questions printed with this article, with name, address and \$10 to cover the cost of this six-chapter study. Please send cheque and information to the Territorial Education Department, P.O. Box 4021, Station "A", Toronto, Ontario M5W 2B1.

Students who successfully complete the course will be awarded a Salvation Army education certificate.



Donald E. Burke

Cure
worse
than
disease



Part 2 in a study of the book of
Habakkuk by Donald E. Burke

HAVE you ever seen life around you crumble, knowing that the only one to whom you could, or even should, address your fears, disappointment and outrage was God? Habakkuk the prophet did, and in a way typical of writers in the Old Testament, Habakkuk turned to God in his time of distress. The prophet affirmed that there is a sense in which God could be held accountable for the dreadful state of affairs which ruled in the Judah of his day. At the very least, the problem, and Habakkuk's feelings, should be addressed to God. So in Habakkuk 1: 2-4 the prophet described the awful situation in his homeland. It appears that all order had broken down. And he refused to do other than address his complaint to God, openly and honestly.

We are not sure of the cause of this breakdown. Most scholars suggest that it was internal decay which produced the situation described by the prophet. The religious and moral fabric of Judah had been so corrupted that the nation was tearing itself apart. Other scholars suggest that the violence described was the result of oppression and domination by a foreign nation, most likely the mighty Assyrian empire. But regardless of the human cause of the crisis, Habakkuk cried out to God accusingly. He suggested that much of the trouble was God's fault because there had been no divine answer to his continuing cries for justice. In the boldness of his address to God, Habakkuk was expressing not only his deep disappointment at God's apparent inattention but he was also affirming that indeed God was the one who could rectify the situation. Habakkuk appears to have wanted God to respond, to explain Himself and His seeming inactivity.

In 1: 5-11 Habakkuk gets his wish — sort of. God indeed responds to Habakkuk, but the response is not anything that the prophet could have imagined. I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me . . . (Habakkuk 2: 1, NIV)

I will stand at my watch
and station myself on the
ramparts;
I will look to see what he will say
to me . . .

(Habakkuk 2: 1, NIV)

God's solution to the complaint is to promise that the Babylonians are coming. But that is not cause for rejoicing or relief. In these verses the Babylonians are described by God in horrific terms. They are a "ruthless and impetuous people" (v. 6); they ride roughshod over nations which get in their way; they burn; they slaughter; they devour all they meet. These Babylonians scoff at all kings. They laugh at the defensive fortifications which their victims use for protection (v. 10). Like the modern day Rambos, they consider their own strength to be their god (v. 11).

No comforting answer

There is considerable irony in God's answer. After all, Habakkuk had complained to God about the injustice and "violence" (v. 2) which was being perpetrated in Judah. He had called on God to set things right; to be the God who establishes justice and righteousness rather than a God who tolerates injustice. But now we find that God's response is to bring the Babylonians who come determined to carry out even more "violence" (v. 9).

The response given by God is not comforting and Habakkuk immediately takes up his lament once again (1: 12-2: 1). In this lament the prophet does not dwell on his own disappointment with God's action and does not speak of his own plight. Rather, he places the discussion on another level — how the bringing of the Babylonians could be incorporated into his concept of God. Verses 12-13 move back and forth between affirmations about God's character and observations about how His actions are not consistent with that character. "Lord, You are too holy to look on evil. So why do You tolerate the treacherous and wicked?" The affirmations about God's character in verses 12-13a, which in another context could be words of praise and a source of comfort, become in verse 13b instruments used against God, to reproach God. It is at the end of verse 13 that we finally come to the real crux of the prophet's argument. "Why are You silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?"

An intolerable cure

In his first lament, Habakkuk had described and complained about the terrible conditions in Judah. He had pointed out that the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer. But to the prophet, God's response of bringing the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, only aggravates the situation. Rather than establishing justice and vindicating the innocent, God is going to bring the Babylonians. Evil is combated not by right, but by worse evil! Conditions will not improve; they will deteriorate even more. The cure proposed by God is indeed worse than the disease!

Using a metaphor in verses 14-17a, Habakkuk describes what the Babylonians are like and why they are more evil than the worst people of Judah. And Habakkuk implies that at least even the worst of his own people in Judah acknowledge God. That cannot be said for the Babylonians. So the people being destroyed by the Babylonians are actually more

An amazing challenge

One of the most amazing things about Habakkuk's second lament is the way in which it ends. Having thrown down his challenge and having read Habakkuk 2: 1, many times I have been struck by the tone of the verse. It seems to me that he is throwing a challenge in God's face. Perhaps, like many people in an argument, Habakkuk wanted to have the last word. Perhaps he thought that he had given God the ultimate challenge to which there could be no adequate response. But at least Habakkuk listened. Here the prophet left open the door for God to respond. He did not jabber without ceasing; he knew there was a time to stop and listen. Although he had much to learn, Habakkuk already knew something of great value: there is a time for talking in the presence of God and there is a time for silence. It was now time for Habakkuk to be silent and for God to speak.

Study questions

THE CURE IS WORSE THAN THE DISEASE

1. Explain the irony in God's answer to Habakkuk.
2. What are Habakkuk's beliefs concerning God's character? Please use Scripture references.
3. Why do you believe Habakkuk decided to listen to God? Would you listen to God if you found yourself in a similar situation? Why or why not?

GOSPEL SHOTS

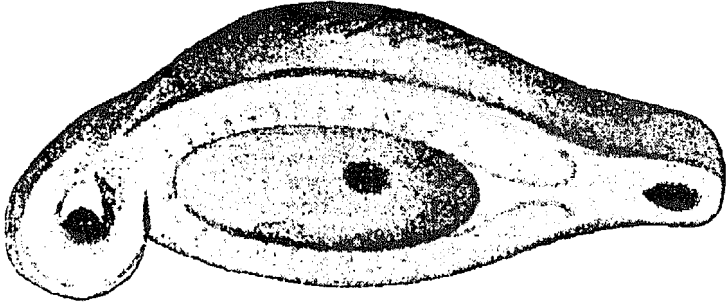
Words fitly spoken

by Jim Prater,
Nottingham, England

4. — Not on speaking terms



Devotional
thoughts
by
Major
Ian Story,
Australia



Give me oil in my lamp

The common clay lamp was used throughout ancient Israel. In various forms. Oil was put in the lamp and a wick brought the oil to the point opposite the handle, where the flame appeared. Everyone understood the need for oil in the lamp.

And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always (Exodus 27: 20, KJV).

That is how a multitude of charities operate, glorying in what they do. The name of the oil that makes them burn is human vanity. Such oil when used in religion produces smoke, strife and contention, but not light.

Observe, it was not just any sort of oil that was used for the temple lamps. The command was to bring pure olive oil. I have heard some say that Greeks and Italians rarely suffer from arthritis or rheumatism because they use olive oil in their cooking, and it oils up the joints and hinges of their bodies.

Whether this is fact or fiction I don't know. But I am sure that when Jesus pours the oil of gladness — the Holy Spirit — upon our heads, a thousand spiritual ills are put to flight. Prayer, holy living and service are all activated and the joints and hinges of our souls become supple.

The Holy Spirit is the "oil for the light." By Him we can shine always, whether our days be sad or glad. In a more solemn strain than we usually think of the verse, it behooves us each to pray: "Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning . . ." And He will.

The true glory of Christian life and service is to glory in our Lord Jesus Christ and His Cross, and to be utterly dependent upon the Holy Spirit. Then we are aware that any light and warmth we possess are products of the oil that feeds the flame upon the altar of our hearts.

A consecration not born of, and maintained by, the oil of the Holy Spirit will surely fail. Stanley Jones tells of a frustrated woman who said, "My hands have corns on them from working and trying so hard to be good." Her error was that she looked at the wrong hands. Had she looked at the nail-pierced hands of Jesus she

BELONGING

SOMETIMES we sing
"With warmth and gratitude,
"And He tells me I am His own."
He makes us feel so special —
So precious!
And yet there are hundreds of us — thousands!
People who believe we belong to Christ.
How can we be exclusively His?

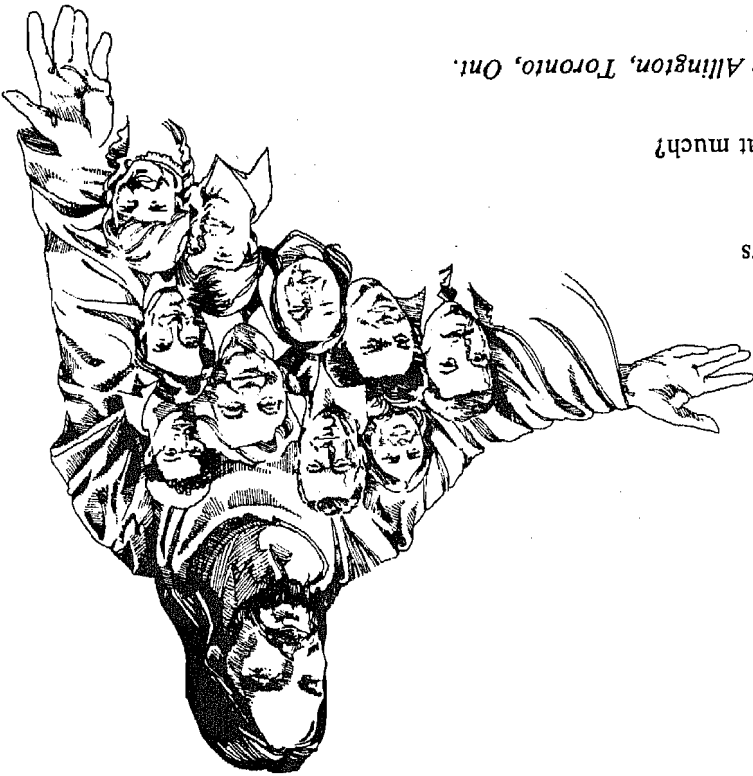
Belonging to Him excludes other masters —
Self, friends, family, fame.

But His possession of each of us
Does not exclude His possession of all the others
With individual-directed love!
Mysterious wonder!
Sparrowlike as we are,

Lord, how can You love us — each of us — that much?

I'm so glad I belong to You!

Mrs. Heather Allington, Toronto, Ont.



VOLTAIRE was walking with a friend in Paris when a religious procession passed, led by a priest carrying a crucifix. Voltaire lifted his hat. "What?" said his friend, amazed, "have you, too, found God?" "Ah," said Voltaire sadly, "we salute, but we do not speak." With all his intellectual powers, Voltaire could not achieve any sort of intimacy with God. But isn't this precisely the difficulty many Christians encounter? Prayer becomes an exercise in futility, produces only frustration and so is abandoned. They salute but cease to speak.

When William James set out to write his book *The Varieties of Religious Experience*, there were some Christians he decided to ignore. The man whose religion "has been made for him by others, communicated to him by tradition, determined to fixed forms by imitation and retained by habit. It would profit us little to study this second-hand religious life."

Is it then possible to be bound to a religion without being bound to the Founder of that religion? Can we be tied to Christianity without being bound to Christ? Can we, like the Pharisees, be fully conversant with the law but know nothing about the life? There is a story told about an electrician and his assistant. "Touch that wire," instructed the electrician. The lad did so.

"Feel anything," queried the man. "Not a thing," was the cheerful reply. "Lad, whatever you do don't touch that other wire. There's 10,000 volts passing through there." Lord, give us more live-wire Christians!

We contact some Christians and don't feel a thing. Grip their hand and it's like a block of ice. Look into their eyes and they fail to meet your gaze. Talk to them about their faith and you almost have to take a pneumatic drill to get below the surface. But the live-wire Christians! They throb with life and vitality. Even when they don't speak their spirit speaks volumes. They emit a sparkle which electrifies all they touch. They communicate at a deep level and their faith instantly convicts. They are not only bound to Christianity but they are also bound to

THIS LIVELY ARMY

DID YOU KNOW

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... that The Province (Vancouver) reports on the value of shopping at Salvation Army stores? A man bought a suitcase for \$10 and found an antique watch inside, which he sold for \$1500 to clockmaker Raymond Saunders who thinks he got a bargain. Saunders values the gold, presentation watch at \$5000.

... that last August in **Wingham**, Ontario the family of Fred and Betty Lee planned a special 30th wedding anniversary at the Army? The Lees, thinking they were off to the corps for a portrait, arrived to find all the details looked after, from the wedding gown to the maid of honor. The couple repeated their vows before Lieutenant Calvin Barber, Drumheller Chiropractic Centre heard the Salvation Army food bank

... that Jeff Sawa of the distributed bugged water to senior citizens in the area?

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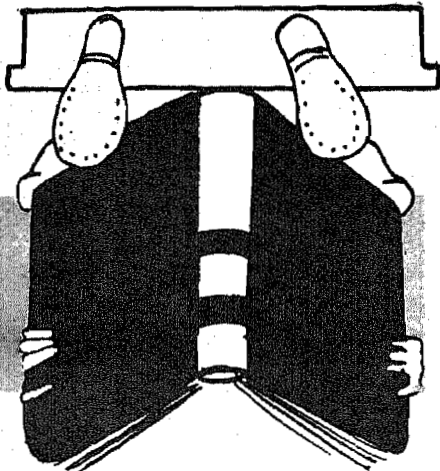
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copy. Better still, why
not order several copies
for friends?



ALMOST everyone is familiar with such immortal stories as "The Ugly Duckling" and "The Princess and the Pea." According to Kaare Westergaard, then, almost everyone knows something of the man behind the stories — Hans Christian Andersen — because his stories reflect himself. *My Life is a Fairy Tale* (published by HQ in 1986) is a biography with a difference. Interwoven among the author's life events are his tales, and

The tales give us the most intimate glimpses of the man. They tell of his inner self — his loneliness in love, his delicate sense of humor, his obsessive love of praise, his sensitivity to criticism. Hans Christian Andersen was always able to turn the bitter experiences of life into delightful tales, and this is what gives them his indelible stamp.

The book was written by a fellow Dane, the late Commissioner Kaare Westergaard, and published posthumously. Commissioner Westergaard was himself an accomplished storyteller, and a lifelong admirer of Hans Christian Andersen.

The Commissioner has pointed out

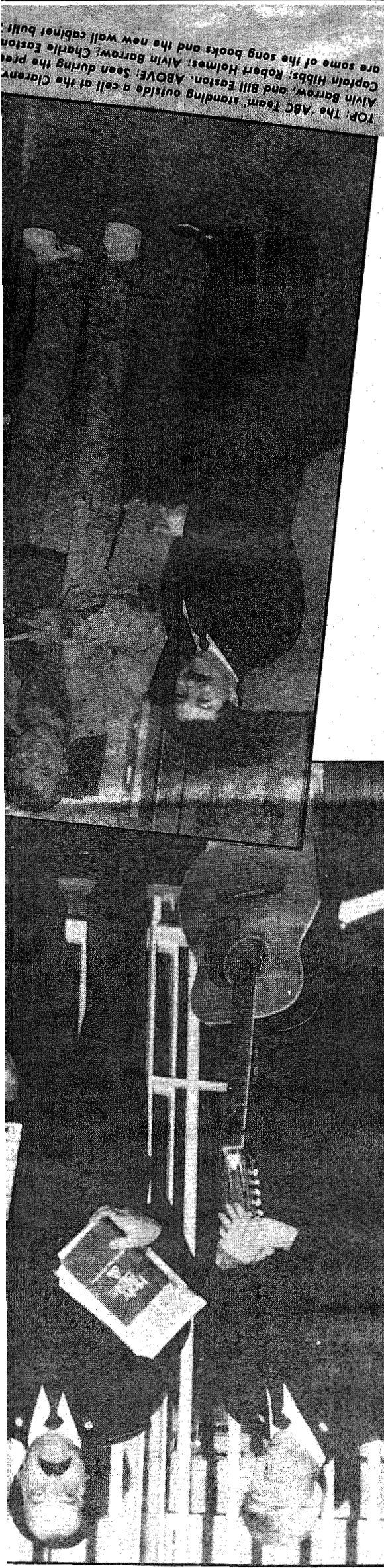
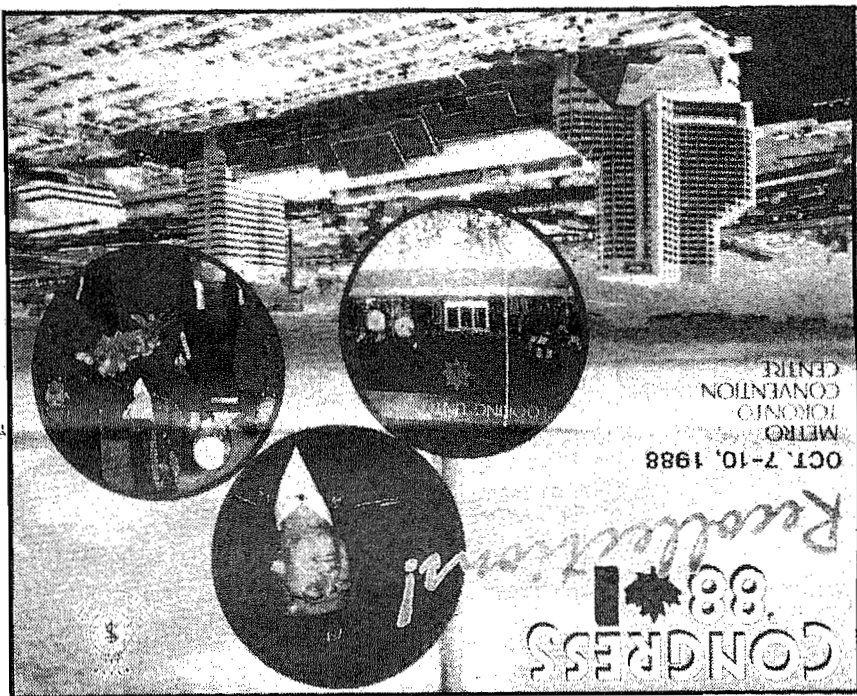
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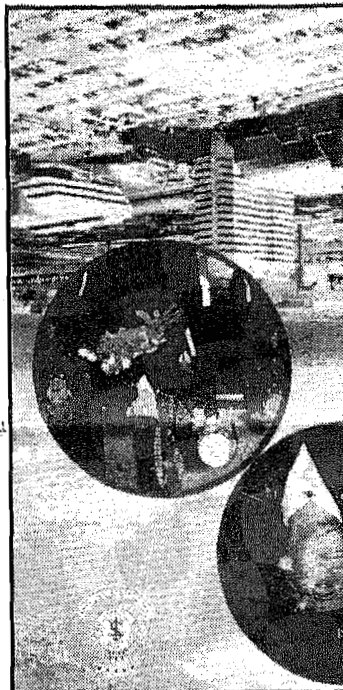
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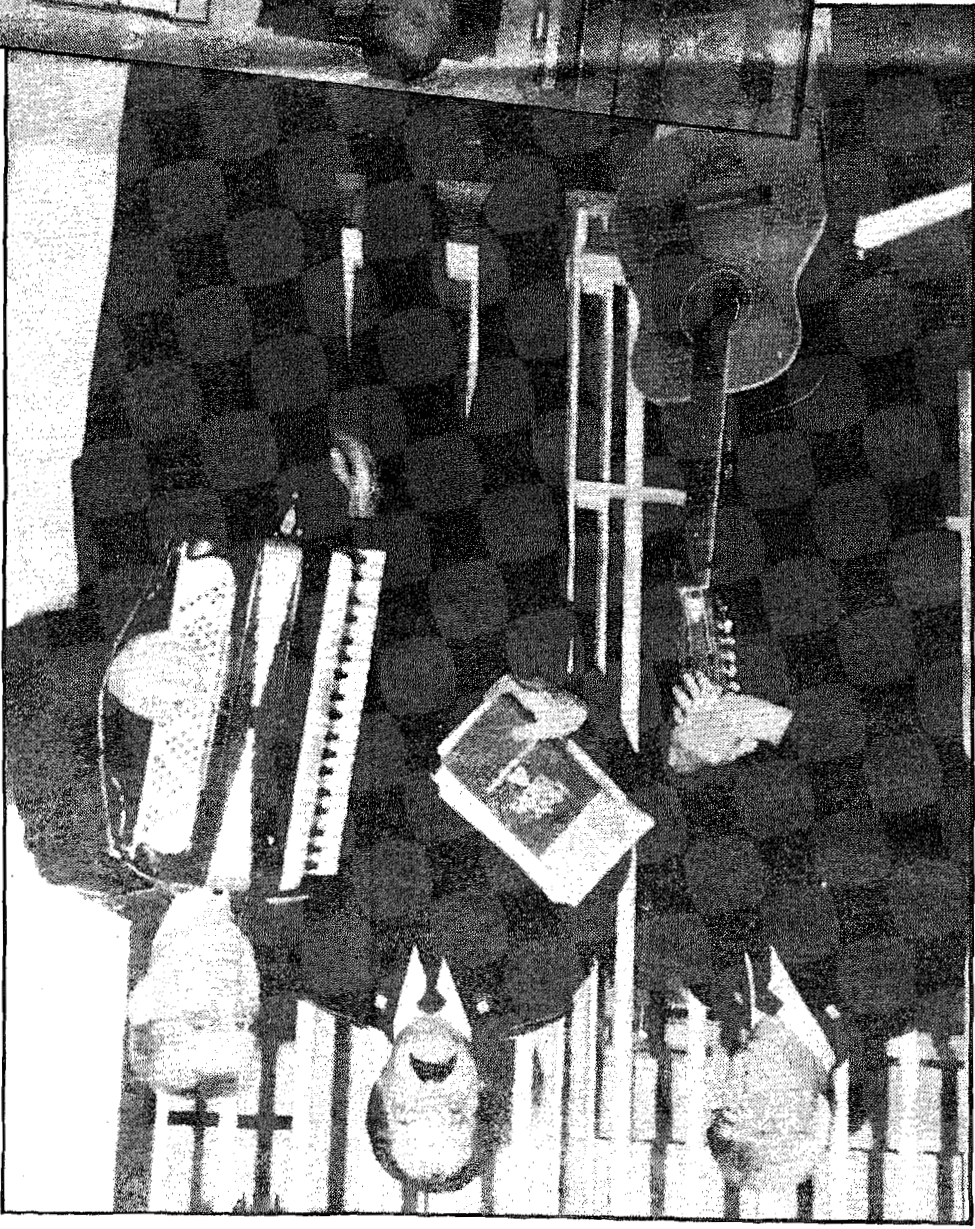
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TOP: The ABC Team, standing outside a cell at the Clarenville Correctional Centre are (l. to r.): Charlie Easton, Alvin Barrow, and Bill Easton. ABOVE: Seen during the presentation of the new song books are (l. to r.): Captain Hibbs, Robert Holmes, Alvin Barrow, Charlie Easton, and Bill Easton. On the desk are some of the song books and the new well cabinet built by Bill Easton.



International Staff Songsters coming to Canada next year

LOVERS of good Army vocal music will be delighted to know that the famed International Staff Songsters from London, England, will be campaigning in Canada from April 20 to 30, 1990, under the leadership of their founding conductor, Lieut.-Colonel Norman Bearcroft. The climactic festival of the tour will be the Spring Festival in the Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto, on Saturday, April 28, followed by morning and afternoon meetings at a Toronto venue on the Sunday.

Tickets for the 1989 Spring Festival may be ordered through the Information Services Department, P.O. Box 4021, Postal Station "A", Toronto, Ont. M4W 2B1, or telephone (416) 598-2071. The festival will feature vocal soloist, Mrs. Major Keitha Needham, and several local corps bands.

Forty years of service went so quickly

Major Marguerite Bélanger enters retirement



Major Marguerite Bélanger

MARGUERITE BELANGER was born in Montreal. Her father had been converted through the then "French Corps," so there were connections with The Salvation Army although they only attended from Marguerite's early years, spasmodically. Her parents were Francophones and did not speak English until Marguerite was in school. At that time there were no French Protestant schools in Montreal, so Marguerite began what today would be called English immersion.

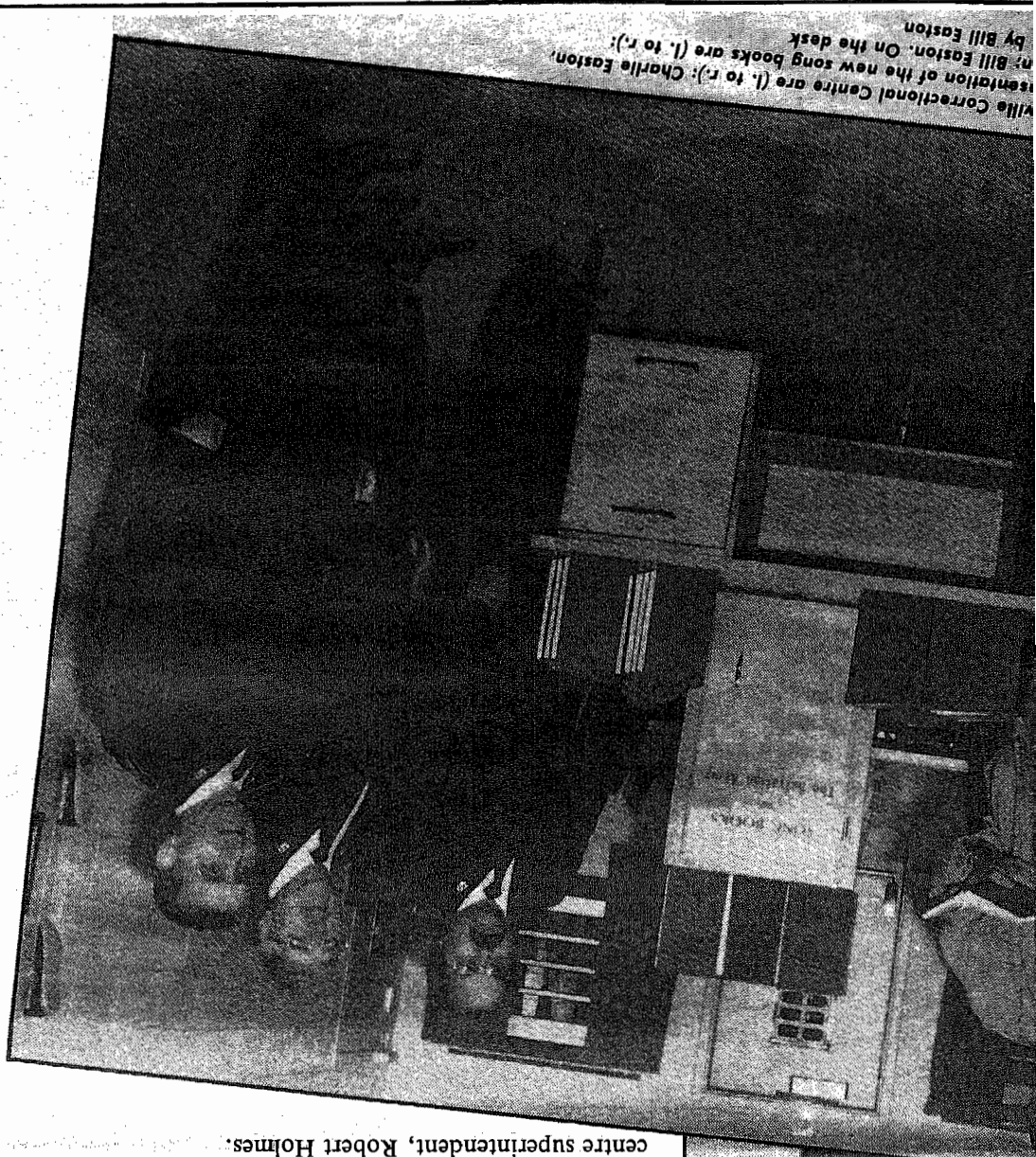
At the age of 17, Marguerite was converted in the same French corps where her father had met the Lord. Not long after, she felt a definite call to be a Salvation Army officer, but delayed her response for several years. A member of the King's Messengers Session, she was commissioned in 1948 and appointed to assist at Sault Ste. Marie II Corps, Ont. Further service as a corps officer followed in Kempenville, Ingersoll, Prescott, Wingham, and Ottawa Citadel (French work), Ont., Sussex, N.B., and Parrsboro, N.S. Subsequent work in divisional headquarters in Montreal and Toronto, preceded service in the Chief Secretary's office.

In September of 1960, a move to the Windsor Grace Hospital (Ont.) signalled a change in direction for the then Captain Bélanger. Service at St. John's Grace and Winnipeg Grace Hospitals followed, prior to the appointment of Major Bélanger as Administrator of Regina Grace Haven in 1972. Following five years as Administrator of the Montreal Women's Receiving Home, Major Bélanger moved to work in administration at the Montreal Eventide Home in November 1979, the position from which she retired. Major Bélanger was admitted to the Long Service Order in 1974, receiving

the Long Service Star in January of 1984. Describing her service Major Bélanger writes: "It is very difficult for me to pinpoint highlights, because I felt that every appointment provided fulfillment. The Army has given me opportunities to serve God in a way that I never could have hoped for in the secular world." The retirement service was conducted in Montreal at the Eventide Home and included the participation of Major Clarence Thompson (Administrator, St. John's Glenbrook Lodge for Senior Citizens), and the presentation of a retirement certificate by Lieut.-Colonel Grace Dockeray, Health Services Secretary. Major John Foley (Administrator, Montreal Eventide Home for Senior Citizens) had planned the special event to include friends, colleagues, family members and residents.

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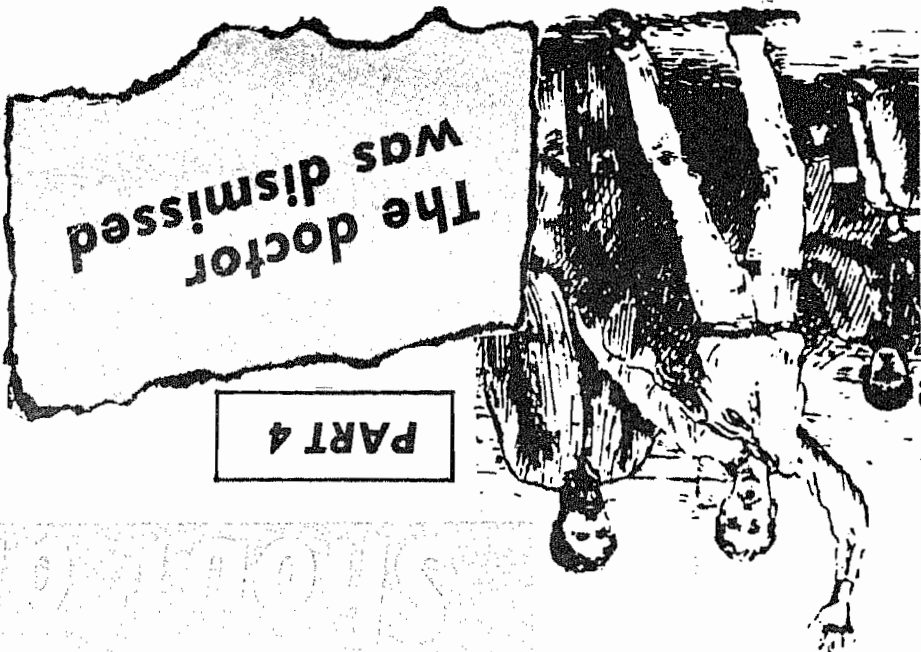
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ARMY ROOTS

PART 4



Canadian Salvation Army history from the newspapers, by Major James Tackaberry (R)

to the doctor notifying him of his dismissal.

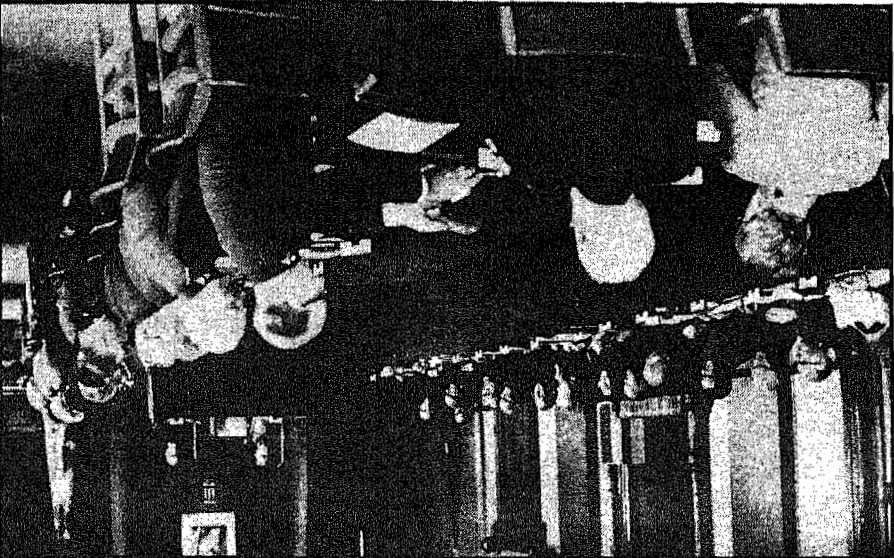
Immediately the news of the dismissal was released there was an angry reaction, not only from the Salvationists but also from the members of the cathedral congregation. There were many defections from the church and, of those who remained, a number stated that they would not support the church until Doctor Wilson was reinstated. Apparently the dean was concerned because of the reaction of his own people and suggested that Dr. Wilson would be welcomed back if he renounced his support for the Salvation Army and ceased identifying himself with it. This, he adamantly refused to do.

Sad farewell

The Reverend Doctor Grant, principal of Queen's University, in his Sunday sermon, following the dismissal of Wilson, made these pointed comments while discussing the story of Mary of Bethany and how she had been misjudged by the disciples: "But still, as then, must love and devotion to Him take up the cross of unjust reproach. Is it not so always? Have we not, in our own city, seen a man of God driven from his place of honor in the house of God, because, during the last year, he had been more Christ-like than ever before, because, in his overflowing enthusiasm, he, like Mary, had 'gone a little too far' in his zeal for Christ, or the poor, the miserable, the degraded?"

On February 18, 1884 Dr. Wilson bade farewell to his friends. A few days after these words of farewell, the "Happy Doctor" commenced his ministry as assistant to the Reverend Mr. Rainford, at St. George's Church in New York City.

TWO DECADES AGO



This is a view of the Commissioners' conference which preceded the 1969 High Council which elected General Erik Wickberg. The conference was held at Sunbury Court, England, the 'home' of the Army's high councils. Seated on the dais are General Frederick Coult and the then Commissioner Wickberg, who was Chief of the Staff.

Fallen prostrate in the dust, a humble sinner like him should not be too proud to do such a thing. He then rose from the floor, covered with dust, and in a broken tone testified for God, who was willing to accept every manifestation of devotion to Him take up the cross of unjust reproach. Is it not so always? Have we not, in our own city, seen a man of God driven from his place of honor in the house of God, because, during the last year, he had been more Christ-like than ever before, because, in his overflowing enthusiasm, he, like Mary, had 'gone a little too far' in his zeal for Christ, or the poor, the miserable, the degraded?"

Severe consequences

The consequences of his involvement with the Army moved in rapid sequence. The action that was chosen by the opposition as the focal point of their attack was his assisting with the distribution of the elements of what Lord's Supper but was in actuality a love feast. This event took place during the latter part of the all-night service. Although there was no table, no cloth, no prayer of consecration such as is used in the church and no words of administration, a group of Dr. Wilson's fellow Anglican clergymen seized upon this incident as grounds for the condemnation of the doctor. A meeting of the clergy of the diocese was called and the bishop was asked to take action to censure the doctor. Once again the bishop declined involvement and passed the matter over to the dean of the cathedral.

The dean then ordered Dr. Wilson to take a three months' leave of absence during which time he would be relieved of his duty, not only at the cathedral, but also at Christ Church, Cataragui. The dean expressed the hope that at the end of the three months the doctor would be cured, to some extent, of his love affair with The Salvation Army.

Dismissed

Dr. Henry Wilson, a leading churchman in Kingston, Ontario, when the Army first arrived in that city, was a staunch supporter of the Salvationists. In this installment, Major Tackaberry tells how his support of this new band of believers brought on him some of the ill will that the Salvationists themselves were experiencing.

ALTHOUGH ever-increasing pressure was being brought to bear upon the doctor to sever his involvement with the Army he refused to be diverted from his chosen course. On the occasion of the opening of the new barracks in Kingston the doctor was very much in evidence and he was later to claim that the all-night prayer meeting associated with the opening of the hall was a milestone in his spiritual development. He had spoken at the evening meeting in the new barracks, once again praising the Army. He said that never until eternally dawned, would people know the blessings The Salvation Army had brought to Kingston. Never in the whole course of his ministry had he been so blessed by God as during the past eight months. He said he had carried off high degrees at college yet he had learned more practical divinity in the Army, than there.

New dimension

However, Doctor Wilson was to experience a spiritual blessing that would bring a new and thrilling dimension to his life. It happened during the all-night-of-prayer. Here is part of the report, carried by the *Toronto Globe*, of that, to the doctor, life-changing occasion: "He knelt down and prayed to God and asked for light. They then sang a hymn, to which, if he were a Methodist and converted at that meeting, he would have attributed his conversion. While the singing was in progress all went down on their knees in the dust. He covered his face with his hands and as the hymn proceeded the power of God came over him, and he stretched out both his hands and fell prostrate on his face on the floor. Although he had often done the same thing in private, he had never done it publicly before. He thought that when Jesus Christ had dispensed with." He then wrote a letter

BATTLEFRONT

St. John's

Citadel Centennial weekend

WHEN Commissioner and dinner began, Bandsman

were welcomed as guest recitations, "I'll Fight," and the corps' 100th anniversary celebrations at St. John's Citadel, Nfld. (Major and Thompson, said the grace.

Mrs. Jean Tansley narrated a unique cake-cutting ceremony paying tribute to the pioneers of Livingstone Street and Adelaide Street, and recognized three groups who make up the corps today. Representing those old recalled stories of the faith of the soldiers at the old "Number Two."

The celebrations included luncheons and Bible studies during which the Commis-stoner spoke on the theme "From vision to victory." Referring to the vision of the comrades of the old corps, he said that the anniversary weekend was a celebration of the victory of that vision and the challenged those present at the corps during their years of post-secondary studies.

Throughout the ceremony, the flame flickered on a candle, lit by junior soldiers one year ago at the commencement of the centennial year, symbolizing the continuation of the flame into a second century. The event ended with an interesting slide presentation.

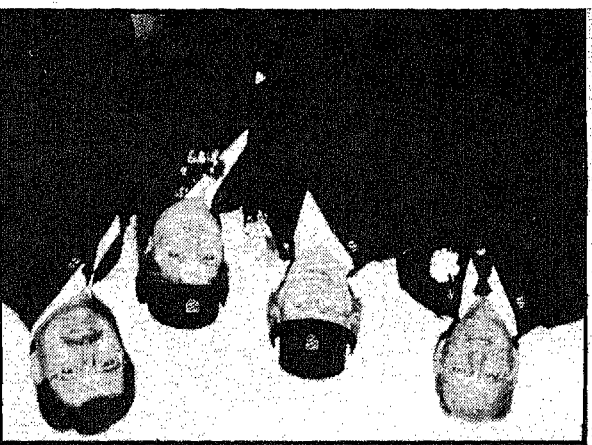
The celebrations continued during the Christian education hour on Sunday morning as parents joined their children for a glimpse of the early Salvationists. An old-fashioned open-air meeting was staged and the Commis-stoner was welcomed into the days.

THE theme of centennial celebrations at Nanaimo Corps, B.C. (Captain and Mrs. Larry Scarbeau), was "Past glories - future victories." Leaders of the meetings were Major and Mrs. Charley Smith (R) who were corps officers at Nanaimo 30 years ago and were instrumental in establishing community services work there.

Weekend events included a family talent night and welcome home meeting on the Friday, followed on Saturday, by a series of open-air meetings starting with a reenactment of the first open-air meeting held by Captain A. Breton, in October 1888.

The Victoria Citadel Band conducted four short concerts in the various malls, concluding with an open-air meeting. Prior to the Saturday evening anniversary banquet

FAR RIGHT: A reenactment of the first open-air meeting held in Nanaimo 100 years ago. RIGHT: Leaders of weekend meetings, Major and Mrs. Smith (left), are seen with Captain and Mrs. Scarbeau



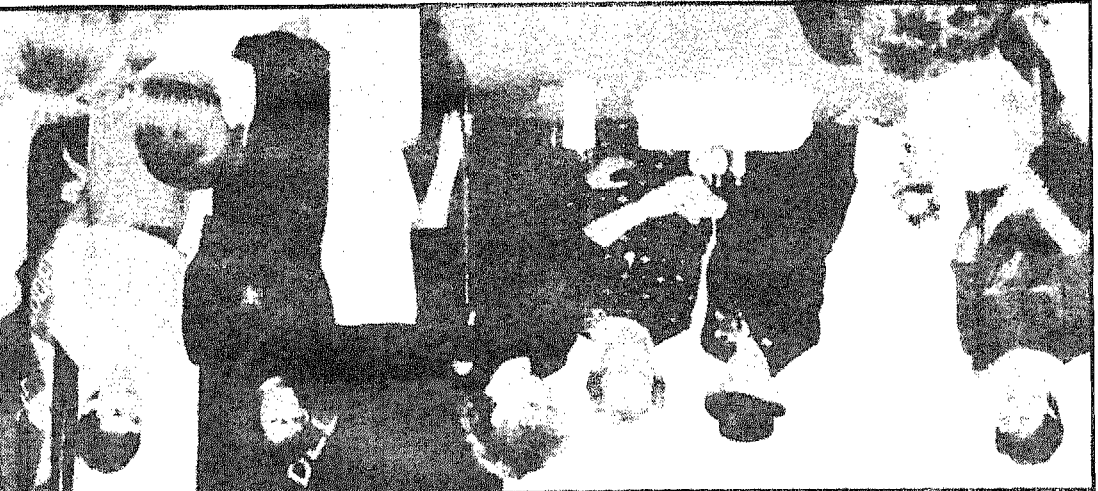
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Former corps officers lead Nanaimo's centennial

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ABOVE: Mrs. Jean Tansley (left) looks on as Mrs. Sweetapple and Mrs. Kean cut the anniversary cake. Also seen are Lorraine Stone, Tracey Woodland, and Dwayne Pilgrim

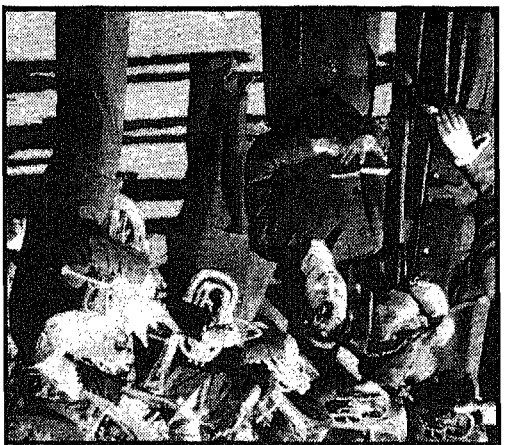


Army shares in friendship night

MORE than 2,000 shoppers attended the annual Eaton's Friendship Night at the Cornwall Centre store in Regina, Sask. It is Christmas shopping time set aside by the Eaton's store for senior citizens of Regina, many of whom are residents of hospitals and nursing homes.

The Salvation Army plays a very important part in the event. Not only does the Regina Citadel Band provide Christmas music on this occasion, but approximately 35 Salvationists serve as hosts and hostesses in the Eaton's cafeteria, serving refreshments to shoppers and staff. Divisional League of Mercy Secretary, Mrs. Major Marion Venables, co-ordinated volunteers from Regina Citadel and McCarthy Park Corps. They are assisted by and institutional staff members.

Co-hosts of CKTV's "Live at nine" program, Johnny Sandison and Kathleen Petty, conducted a program of light entertainment in the cafeteria. In addition to Salvation Army music a choir from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Training Depot, the Sweet Adelins, and other entertainers provided music throughout the store. - G.V.



Town and corps celebrate founding

THE town of Windsor, Newfoundland, has just celebrated 50 years of incorporation as a town and the number of high school and university students provided musical entertainment. They were among a group who had received complimentary tickets from the Home League and the Men's Fellowship group.

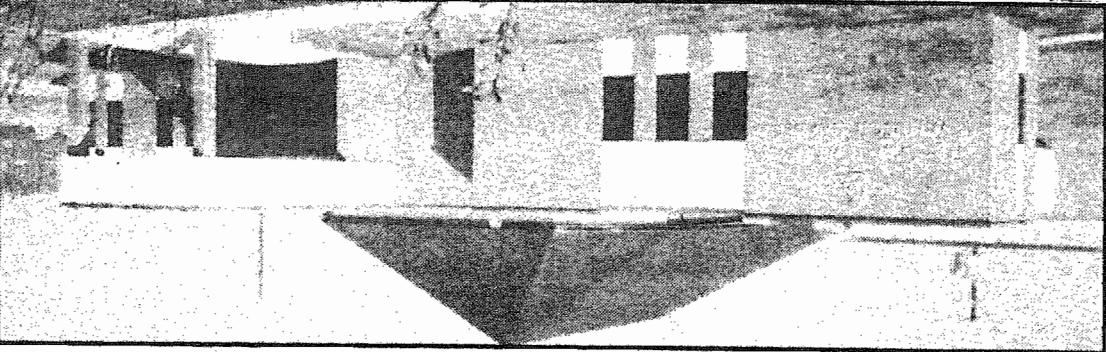
In addition to leading the Sunday holiness and salvation meetings, Colonel Calvert challenged the senior soldiers in an afternoon session, "Soldiership and you." The series of meetings ended on a triumphant note as several people knelt in rededication before the meeting concluded with a spirited singing of "The Salvation Army is marching along."

Another highlight of the year occurred when CSM Walwyn Blackmore, in his capacity as Mayor of Windsor, greeted General Eva Burrows and her party at the town hall. The comrades of the corps and people of the community felt it was a fitting benediction to the anniversary of both the town and the corps.

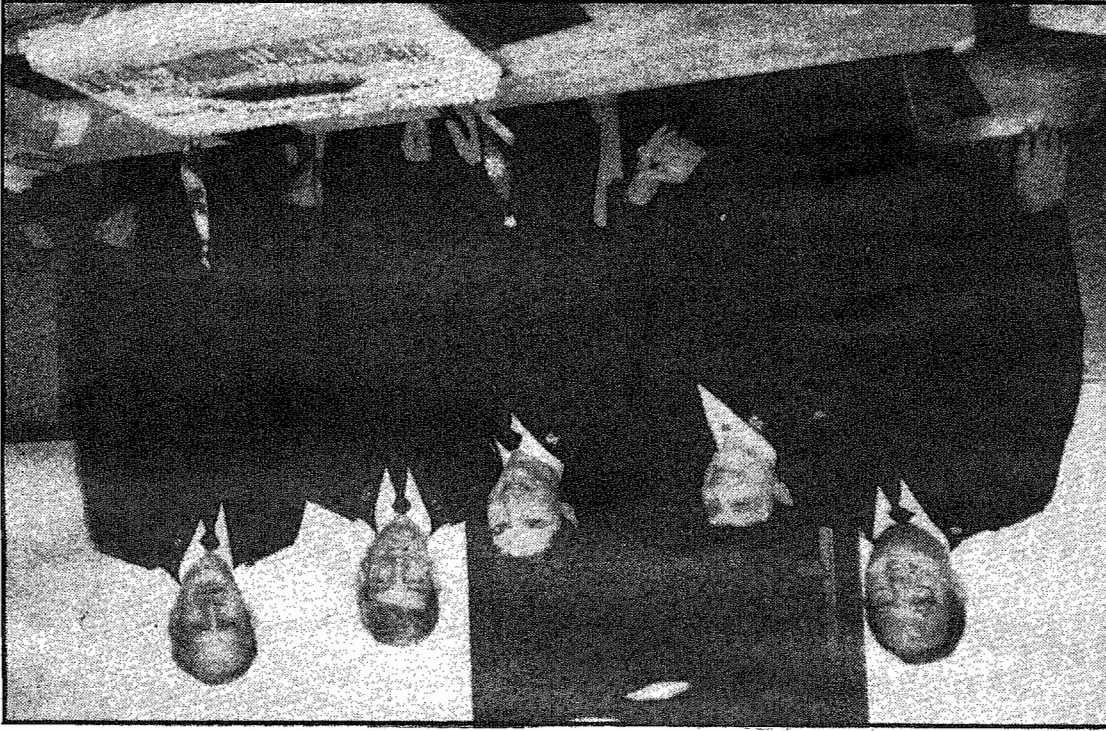
Later in the day comrades fellowship and games. anniversary cake and enjoyed which they cut their own people up to 13 years old, at corps birthday party for young with a Saturday afternoon meetings which commenced Calvert, led the anniversary for Personnel, Colonel Roy weekend, the Field Secretary shortly after that special association.

the regional ministerial governments and members of provincial and municipal were representatives from those present for the ceremony of the project. Among Secretary during the develop- Colonel was Property Social Services Secretary. The Colonel Ralph Stanley, Men's of a new corps hall by Lieut.- including the official opening stone several events took place ministry. To mark the mil-

also celebrated 50 years of Lieutenant Donette Green) Mrs. Hector Elliott; Windsor Corps (Captain and the university students provided banquet during which a of the senior corps attended a



ABOVE: A view of the new corps building opened at Windsor, Newfoundland. BELOW: The youngest senior soldier of the Windsor Corps, Jamie Lane, cuts the anniversary cake. Also seen are (l. to r.): Captain Elliott; Mrs. Major Ethel Slous; Colonel Calvert; Major Robert Slous, Divisional Secretary for Newfoundland Central

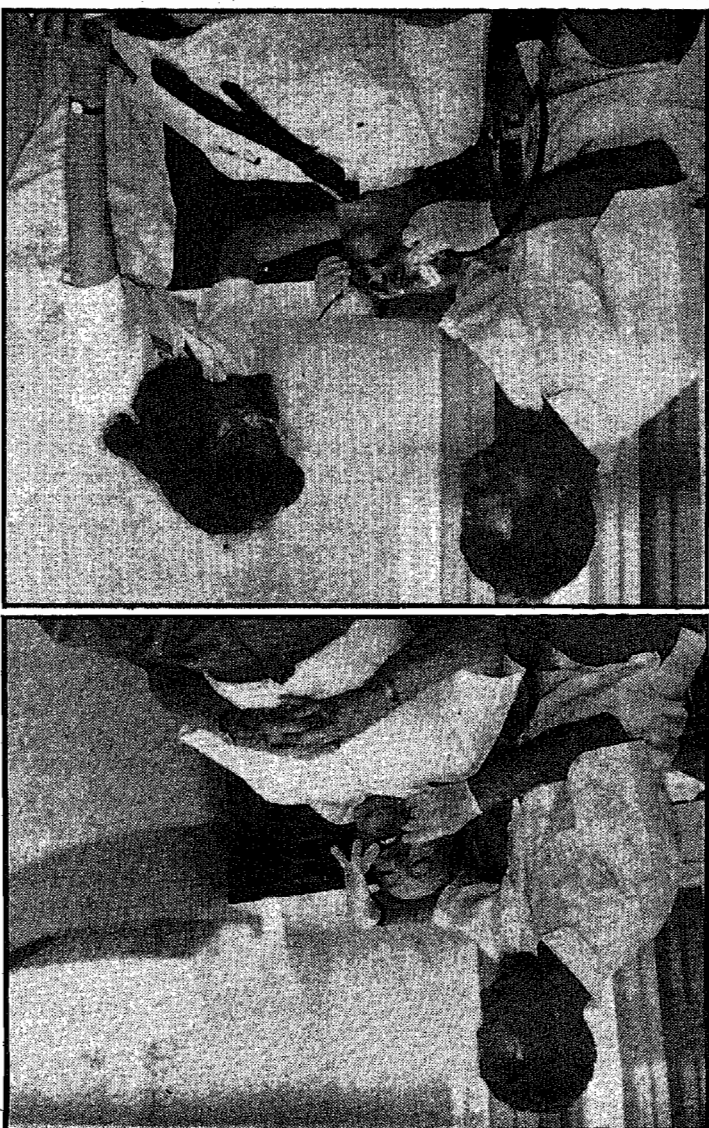


Newfoundland West and Labrador opens new headquarters



CORNER BROOK, Nfld. — The Divisional Commander for Newfoundland West and Labrador, Major Peter Road (left), looks on as Dr. Noel Murphy, Chairman of the Corner Brook Advisory Board, cuts the ribbon during the official opening of the new divisional headquarters. Mayor Roy Pollett and other dignitaries attended the event at the headquarters which is located in the Corner Brook Temple complex which also has Family Services offices and an outlet for the Supplies and Purchasing Department

William Booth Special Care Home gets dental equipment



REGINA, Sask. — Dr. Kenneth Cotton can now attend to 50 to 70 percent of all dental care in house at the William Booth Special Care Home, thanks to recently-installed dental equipment. ABOVE: Dr. Cotton performs an examination on resident James Hatcher. RIGHT: Dr. Cotton demonstrates to Mrs. Michelle McEwan, director of care, some of the new dental equipment in the treatment room. The patient is the Administrator, Major Glen McEwan

PEOPLE WHO CAN'T READ

FIVE million adult Canadians are marching against their will in an army of illiterates. But they are an army in numbers only. They have no leaders, no power, little support, few weapons and no idea where they are headed. Darkness and hopelessness are usually their banners. "No one who can read knows our anger," says one illiterate. "You're left in the dark. You just try to carry on the best you can. We're living in a different world." A nationwide survey in 1987 disclosed that five million Canadians cannot read, write or use numbers well enough to meet the literacy demands of today's society — and one-third are high school graduates.

The survey's definition of functional literacy was the ability to use printed and written information to function in society. Experts agree this approach is more relevant today than the traditional definition of just being able to sign a name or read a simple sentence.

—taken from a special survey organized and published under the auspices of Southern Newspaper Group.

Army literacy help in Ottawa

The goals of the program are: to reach out to people who require literacy training; to help them become more confident and productive members of the community; to help them improve their employability and living standards.

People of all ages have been trained on such a program with overwhelming results and success. Through extensive research in Canada and the United States, it was found that given a 12 week training period (30-40 hrs.), adults, on the average, increased their reading ability by 2+ grade levels.

A profile graph is provided by the computer when each training session is completed. This indicates both the weak and strong areas of the individual's performance.

Training methods involve: single letters; letter sounds; consonant and vowel combinations; phrases and sentences; paragraphs.

In the Army's Community Services Centre in Windsor, Ont., a similar program has been operating for several months, and last week's issue of *The War Cry* carried a photograph of the first graduate of the program.

... and also in Hamilton

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especially in the field of tutor training. This program trains volunteers to teach adults how to read on a one-to-one basis.

Mrs. Peaceful travels in the Hamilton area to offer workshops and aid in setting up programs; recently a government-funded program commenced in Milton, offering help to parolees and probationers.

There are many other areas where programs have either started or are in the process of being organized. Work which is under the auspices of Men's Social Services Department is explained elsewhere on this page.



when we regularly throw out used envelopes, flyers and paper which is blank on one side? Why do we buy plastic bags to use in the kitchen waste bin but throw away the ones in which we brought home the groceries? Why do we dump out newspapers, tin cans and glass bottles when a recycling program is operating? Why do we put peelings in the trash can instead of on a compost heap? Why do we trash God's gift of fallen leaves (gardener's gold) and pay top price for fertilizer? Why do we buy designer containers for leftovers and throw out glass and plastic containers?

Answer these questions and you will have some idea of why we have a waste disposal crisis. This Bible verse seems appropriate: "So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained" (Matthew 14:20). —D.V.

WHAT CANADIANS COULDN'T DO

60% could not — Circle expiry date on driver's licence

10% could not — Read cough syrup instructions

11 1/2% could not — Sign social insurance card

13 1/2% could not — Circle correct traffic sign

29% could not — Find amount on income tax table

50% could not — Find Pages

70% could not — Find amount on income tax table

—Source: The Creative Research Group

RECIPE

CINNAMON ROLLS — 90 MINUTE

3 1/4 cups flour
1 pkg. yeast
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
3/4 cup milk
1/4 cup water
1 egg
Filling
1 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup margarine, soft
Raisins, optional

Mix 2 1/4 cups flour, yeast, sugar, salt in large bowl. Heat milk, water, 1/4 cup margarine, till hot to touch. Stir hot liquid into dry ingredients. Mix in egg. Add enough reserved flour to make soft dough that does not stick to bowl. Turn onto floured board. Knead 5 minutes. Cover and let stand 10 minutes. Roll dough to a 12 x 9 rectangle. Sprinkle with filling mixture. Roll up from long side in jelly roll fashion. Cut into 1 inch sections. Place in greased muffin pans. Let rise. Bake at 375 degrees F for 20 minutes. Remove from pan. Serve warm.

—Hester Poposi
from the Prince George, B.C.
Women's League Cookbook

Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:4).

How Christians can live ecologically responsible lives in a fragile world environment.

"DON'T throw it out, I might need it, sometime!"

How often we have all heard those words! Many of us dismiss the cry with responses such as "just a pack-rat" or "too cheap to buy a new one." The "throw-away syndrome," is just one more practice which identifies our materialistic society, and pushes us further and further into the abyss of environmental despair.

The media go on about disposal problems while we bemoan we don't have enough income to buy the many things we want. If we were to take into our homes only what we really NEED and halt the in-out process, many of us would have money in the bank and wonder where it had come from. We toss away too much; garbage dumps

BEST YEARS

BY THE WAY — 4

by Brigadier Reginald Butler (R)

False pride

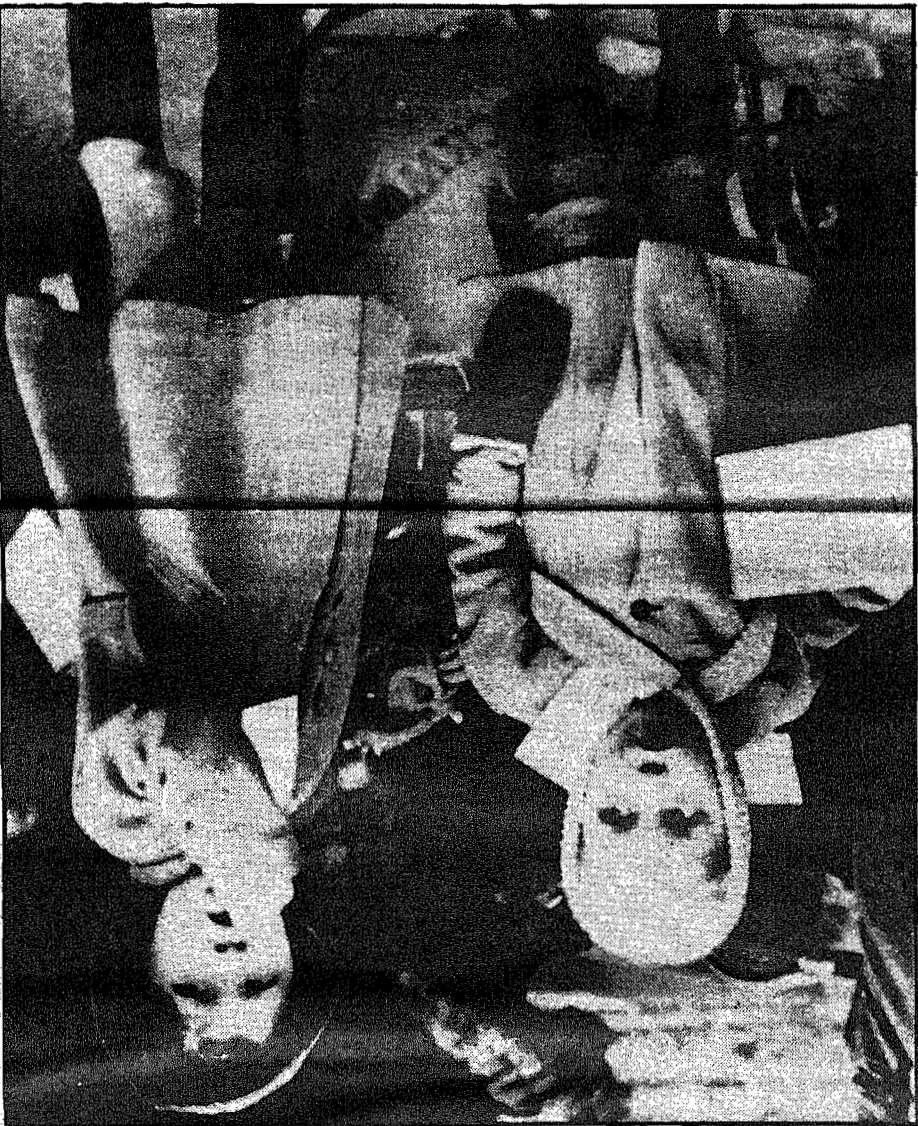
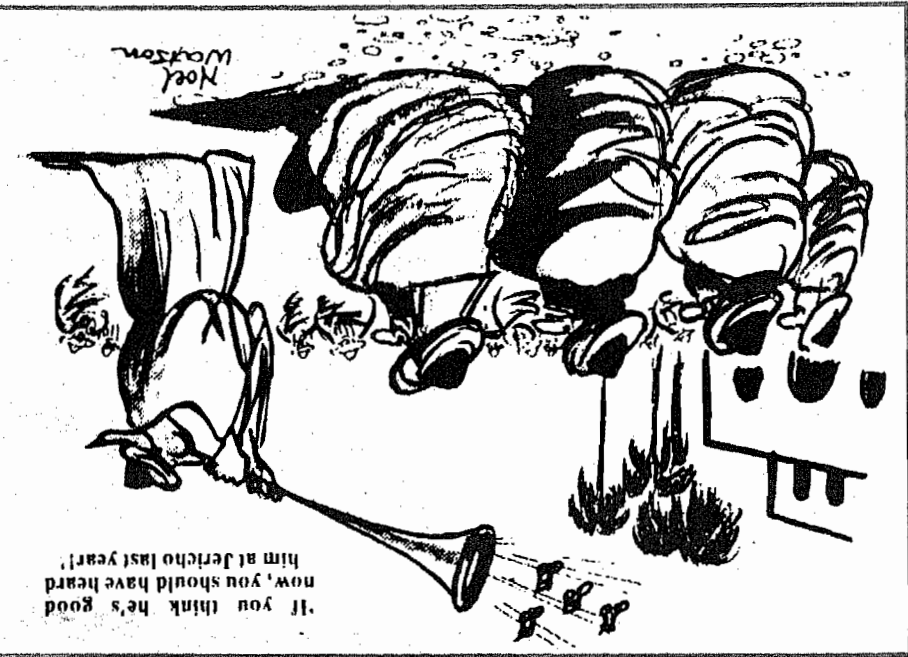
A FEW days ago when we were walking through the Pharisae who said, "I am not as other men are . . ." (Luke 18: 11, KJV). Things can provide comfort, but they can also corrupt character.

any cane, just be yourself!"

Further along we halted. In front of us was an elderly woman, shuffling her feet and leaning heavily on a cane. As we passed by I felt reproof in my mind and heart. Having to rely on a cane is no joke.

Maybe there is a lesson here for us. If we carry a cane, is it from pride or necessity? And it may not be a cane; it could be clothing — to show off or to keep us warm. The problem, if we might call it that, is not with the cane or the clothing but with ourselves. It is in our attitudes — boasting our ego or satisfying our needs.

We often see vintage cars on the road and wonder why some people are interested in such out-of-date transportation. For some, an old car is all they can afford and is a necessity; but more often the new chrome and polish betray the owner's pride. Living need not be limited to necessities and we should appreciate the many things available to make life more comfortable for us. However,



A GE is a quality of mind.

If you have left your dreams behind,
If hope is cold,
If you no longer plan ahead,
If your ambitions are all dead
Then you are old.

But if you make of life the best
And in your life you still have zest,
If love you hold —
No matter how the years go by,
No matter how the birthdays fly
You are not old.

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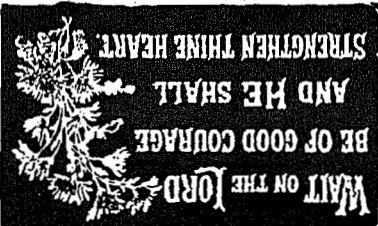
Guaranteed

A purchaser of a valuable item will usually ask, "Is this guaranteed?" A second question follows, "For how long?" Goods may be guaranteed from a few months to a few years, and on rare occasions one might read, "Guaranteed for life."

Such a guarantee fell out of a newly purchased Bible. The publishers were confident of its durable quality. But there is another sense in which the Bible is guaranteed for life. Its very existence shows its capacity to survive. Emperors and skeptics have sought to destroy it, but without success.

The Bible records those words of truth that guarantee life to each one of us. Jesus said that He came that we might have life, and have it abundantly.

Open up your Bible today. We can guarantee God will use it to speak to you "words of life."



Quick Quiz

(word search on page 11)

1. In what book of the Bible do you find the Ten Commandments?
2. What are referred to as "The seven deadly sins"?
3. Who said, "Am I my brother's keeper?"
4. Nursery rhymes — In "Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle," (a) what did the cow do? (b) what did the dog do? (c) what did the dish do?
5. Name the two main East-West passages in the Canadian Rockies?

Quick Quiz answers

1. Exodus 20: 3-17; 2. Pride, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony, avarice, sloth; 3. Cain (Genesis 4: 9); 4. (a) Jumped over the moon (b) laughed, to see such fun (c) ran away with the spoon; 5. Kicking Horse Pass and Crowsnest Pass.

One day while thumbing through Aunt Sarah Chaul's family Bible he found the name of his sister and a telephone number in Trail, B.C. By this time he had a daughter living in Calgary and while visiting her he agonized whether he should contact his sister. Family ties now gripped him firmly enough for him to get Gloria to telephone. His sister's daughter answered the phone. Her mom and dad were holidaying in a trailer in the mountains.

As they entered the house the phone was ringing. It was Richard . . . later a happy reunion took place.

Meanwhile, Richard's sister felt they must cut their vacation short. "I must go home," she said to her husband. "I feel something bad or good is going to happen." They drove home. As they were entering their house the phone was ringing. It was Richard. Although he had been told she wouldn't be home for another three days he had an urge to phone at this precise moment. Later a happy reunion took place. By the time Richard and Gloria arrived his sister had phoned all her family to come to her house for the "prodigals" return.

"And they made merry."

Sitting in their London apartment with Gloria and Richard a visitor is filled with admiration of how far they have come since that blind date took them on a wild night of drinking and dancing in boisterous Montreal nightclubs. Richard sits at his electronic organ, long tattooed arms stretched to the keyboard and joyfully plays, by ear, chorus after chorus with one finger. The buttons on the organ do the chording, filling his apartment with harmonious religious music. Richard stops beating time with his left foot, swings one of his long legs to the outside of the organ stool and speaks quietly — "My favorite chorus is, 'He had compassion on me'."

We are all meditative for a while. There is regret for a half century of sinning behind the observation, and eight years of gratitude.

Sitting in that tastefully furnished apartment, with the organ against one opposite wall, a visitor has to admire the distance between the man now and the orphan on Aunt Sarah's door step. "What a work the Lord has done by His saving grace!"

In his classroom Richard set new standards. To his students he said, "I want no swearing or smoking in this room. Go out in the field if you want a smoke."

Each course in transportation lasted 13 weeks. When the next class arrived Richard decided he wouldn't tell the students he was a Christian. He waited to see if they would notice for themselves. They did. When the class graduated they bought him a new *Salvation Army Song Book* with their names written on the back page.

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Although Richard had attended The Salvation Army in his youth he didn't know anything about the Bible. "I'm a Christian today because of my wife and Aunt Alice Ash. Mr. and Mrs. Ash were our pillars. If we had a problem we went to them," says Richard.

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Salvation Army even though we never went to church. He used to say, 'Why don't you come to a meeting once in a while?' He always came to see us."

By the time Richard landed his position at Bay St. George Community College, Captain and Mrs. Patey had received their appointment to the Stephenville Corps, in the same community.

God's timing was perfect. Richard and Gloria had so much appreciated the interest of these officers while in Clarenville that they were determined to attend the Stephenville Corps.

Gloria surrendered to the Lord first because she had a stronger interest in the spiritual life than Richard.

"My father had been the assistant bandmaster of the Lunenburg town band. On Sunday afternoons the band would practise hymns at our home and the people would pass by our house just to hear the hymns played," states Gloria.

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Please send me information . . .

☐ on how to become a Christian

☐ about Bible study courses

☐ about The Salvation Army

Because of distance from a Salvation Army centre I am interested in . . .

☐ joining the Fellowship Corps

☐ becoming a member of the Outer Circle Home League (women only)

I would like . . .

☐ a Salvationist to visit me

☐ to receive *The War Cry* at the regular yearly price

☐ your prayers for

☐ My name published in *The War Cry* prayer list

Name _____

Address/code _____

Telephone _____

Send to The War Cry,
455 North Service Road East,
Oakville, Ontario L6H 1A5

THE STORY SO FAR:

ORPHANED at seven, Richard King saved his pennies to get money to escape from his foster parents. He worked as a logger and construction worker, before joining the Armed Forces. He served in both the Second World War and the Korean conflict. Transportation was a big part of his civilian life too. Life experience and continuing education opened new doors — doors that led to his becoming a Christian.

WAR CRY

THIS IS MY STORY


Just looking for a home

PART 4

Concluding Richard King's story

written by

Major Aubrey Barfoot



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